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The points that we raised in our response to H. Res. 1295 stand with the same force for H. Res. 1427. But in the interest of some variety, I have come up with the attached response on paragraph (1) and (2) of the resolution.

You will have to tackle paragraph (3), but I think the point could be raised that the paragraph calls for a subjective opinion from the President. This calls into question the validity of the resolution as a resolution of inquiry.

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The President has asked me to respond to your letter of 28 July 1976 requesting comments on H. Res. 1427.

H. Res. 1427 is similar to H. Res. 1295, and the position presented in our letter of 16 June 1976 (enclosed) concerning the latter has equal validity with respect to the former.

We note that H. Res. 1427, on its face, imposes unique requirements for a privileged resolution. For example, it appears that paragraphs (1) and (2) seek routine administrative information on such items as payments to newspapers for advertisement placed by Government agencies in Italy for local hires or services, for subscriptions to local publications, and for payment of local telephone bills.

(Add here on paragraph (3).)

In light of the above considerations, including the fact that approval of H. Res. 1427 would not be compatible with the public interest, it is our belief that this resolution, as was the case with respect to the predecessor resolution, H. Res. 1295, should not be favorably considered by the Committee on International Relations.